

REMARKS

Claims 15, 16, 18-21 and 29-31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 17 is canceled, claim 15 is amended and claims 29-31 are added.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office Action indicates that claims 15, 16 and 18-21 are allowed.

Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Satisfy the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph based on lack of enablement. Claim 17 is canceled to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is respectfully requested.

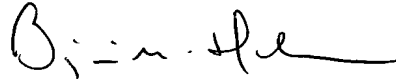
Claim 15 is amended to recite that a hole is formed in the substrate such that the substrate is indented at the corner portion further inward than a portion of the resin. As amended, claim 15 is generic to all of the embodiments of the invention. New claim 29 recites that the hole is a through-hole, which corresponds to the embodiment recited in original claim 15, and new claim 30 recites that the hole is formed by a thinner portion in the substrate, which corresponds to the embodiment originally recited in canceled claim 17.

New independent claim 31 recites a semiconductor device wherein, inter area, the substrate has a thinner portion at the corner portion. None of the references applied during prosecution disclose or even suggest the features of claim 31.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 15, 16, 18-21 and 29-31 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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